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Claims 1 – 20 (cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A packaged supply of individual doses of a personal care product comprising:

- a) a tray;
- b) a plurality of substantially identical packets uniformly stacked in a non-staggered arrangement in the tray, each packet having a pouch portion that holds a single dose of the personal care product that is in a film dosage form and a tab portion releasably connected to the pouch portion, the pouch portion having a front edge remote from the tab portion;
- c) a cover that is movably connected to the tray, the cover being movable between a closed position in which the stack of packets is enclosed within the tray and an open position in which the pouch portion of the topmost packet on the stack is sufficiently exposed that its front edge can be gripped, allowing the pouch portion to be pulled away from the tab portion to which it is connected, thereby releasing that pouch portion from the tray.

22. (Previously presented) A packaged supply of individual doses of a personal care product comprising:

a plurality of substantially identical packets uniformly stacked in a non-staggered arrangement, each packet having a pouch portion that holds a single dose of the personal care product that is in a film dosage form and a tab portion releasably connected to the pouch portion, the pouch portion having a front edge remote from the tab portion;

wherein the topmost packet of the stack is sufficiently exposed that its front edge can be gripped, allowing the pouch portion to be pulled away from the tab portion to which it is connected, thereby releasing that pouch portion from the stack.

23. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 22, wherein each packet is comprised of two flexible sheets that are partially laminated together so as to define a closed pocket between the sheets, in which pocket the dose is held.

24. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 22, wherein each

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packet's pouch portion and tab portion meet at a boundary zone along which the two portions can be torn apart by pulling on the pouch portion, thereby releasing the pouch portion from the stack.

25. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 24, wherein each packet's boundary zone has at least one tear-facilitating means that tends to confine the tear line to that zone when the pouch portion is torn away from the tab portion.

26. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 25, wherein a minor portion of each pocket extends into the packet's boundary zone, so that when the pouch portion is torn away from the tab portion along the boundary zone, the pocket is opened substantially along the tear line.

27. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 25, wherein the tear-facilitating means is at least one of a score line, a perforated line, and a tear-directing notch in an edge of the packet at an end of the boundary zone.

28. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 25, wherein the front edge of each pouch portion has second tear-facilitating means enabling the pouch portion to be manually torn into two segments along a second tear line that extends from the pouch's front edge to the tear line created when the pouch was pulled away from the tab portion, and further wherein each pocket straddles the second tear line, so that when the released pouch portion is torn in two along that line, the pocket is further opened, facilitating the removal therefrom of the dose.

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29. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 25, wherein a second tear-facilitating means comprises a tear-directing notch in the front edge of the pouch.

30. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 24, wherein each packet has a tear-directing notch at each end of the boundary zone.

31. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 22, wherein each sheet is comprised of material that more easily tears in the direction of a boundary zone than in directions perpendicular thereto and comprises material selected from the group consisting of oriented film and striated film.

32. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 22, wherein the personal care product that is held in the pouch portion comprises a water-soluble film that contains a pharmaceutically active substance.

33. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 22, further comprising a container to receive the stack.

34. (Previously presented) The packaged supply of Claim 33, wherein the container further comprises:

two ends;

a fixed cover that covers one container end and has a free edge that is intermediate the two ends of the container

a movable cover that is hingedly connected to the container so that, when the movable cover is in a closed position, an edge of the movable cover rests against the free edge of the fixed cover; and latch means for releasably holding the movable cover in the closed position.